

Chai-Lites

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The 'CHAI-LITES' Section features news about our busy members coming, going, celebrating, being recognized, speaking, writing, standing up for the oppressed, volunteering, acquiring more new titles and awards than seems possible, and RUNNING and RUNNING...for office, for the bench and in Race Judicata! Please share YOUR accomplishments with us for the Spring 2019 issue!

Decalogue's First Vice President, **Helen Bloch**, who owns her own law firm and was named by the ABA as one of its Women of Grit in a book of that name, was the perfect practitioner to direct the August 13 workshop on "Starting a Business in Illinois" that was hosted by the Women's Business Development Center (WBDC). At the workshop, Helen covered issues regarding what kind of entity to create; how to select a name and perform a name search to make certain you aren't claiming an already existing name or one close to it; what licensing requirements apply; the function of a registered agent and how to select one; and why a new entrepreneur needs to identify a 'principal place of business'.

The new President of the Chicago Bar Association, installed in July, is none other than **Steven Elrod**, a long-time devoted Decalogue member and past awardee. In his Bar Year, Steve will stress the importance of civility and collegiality among lawyers, and promote civic education in the schools, goals that are interrelated. While Steve will be quite busy, we expect to see him at upcoming DSL events as usual and the DSL is ready to collaborate with the CBA on any of Steve's projects.

On June 25, board member **Chuck Krugel** was part of The Masters Conference 2018 Panel Presentation on Social Media, which is now online here: <https://www.charlesakrugel.com/charles-krugel-media/the-masters-conference-2018-panel-presentation-on-social-media-now-online.html>. On June 1st, The American Bar Association's Journal (ABA Journal) featured Chuck in 'How Pro Bono Representations Lead to Paid Work for Lawyers', available here: <https://www.charlesakrugel.com/charles-krugel-media/im-quoted-in-aba-journal-article-how-pro-bono-representations-lead-to-paid-work-for-lawyers-new-client-testimonial-6-20-employee-classification-m.html>. On May 17, Business News Daily quoted Chuck in their article 'You're Being Sued: A Guide to Handling a Business Lawsuit', available here: <https://www.charlesakrugel.com/charles-krugel-media/im-quoted-in-business-news-dailys-youre-being-sued-a-guide-to-handling-a-business-lawsuit-im-presenting-financial-poise-west-legalcenters-employment-law-101.html>. Finally, on September 19th, from 3PM - 4:30 PM, Chuck is presenting "Managing Social Media in the Workplace-Dos & Don'ts" at Chicago's City Hall, Dept. of Business & Consumer Affairs, #800, 121 N. La Salle. Chuck will discuss how businesses can supervise what employees say about their business & customers on social media and address what employees can record in the workplace and what they can post. Admission is free.

Board Member **Melissa Gold** was recently elected to serve on the Executive Board of Lincoln Park Zoo's Auxiliary Board, a group which supports the fundraising and community engagement efforts of Lincoln Park Zoo (the last free major cultural institution in Chicago).

Earlier this year, Board Member **David W. Lipschutz** was promoted to the position of Senior Associate at his law firm, Arnold Scott Harris, P.C. In his other life as a veteran thespian on the Chicago theatre scene, David will be performing in two upcoming productions. First, he will be the star of The Artificial Jungle, presented by Handbag Productions from 9/20/18 to 10/28/18 at Stage 773, located at 1225 W. Belmont. And early next year, David will appear in Evil Dead: the Musical produced by Black Button Eyes. That play's run is from 1/11/19 to 2/16/19 at the Pride Arts Center venue, 4139 N. Broadway in Chicago.

Michael Erde was appointed to the Chicago Bar Association's Trust Law and Elder Law Committees. Just attending all of those meetings will surely keep him out of trouble.

Decalogue Board member **Gail Schnitzer Eisenberg** was named to the inaugural class of March of Dimes Gretchen Carlson Advocacy Fellows. Fellows take part in a year-long program to change public policies related to prematurity and maternal mortality and acquire the skills to lead others to do the same. Learn more on the organization's website: marchofdimes.org/momentum.

In June, at the end of the 2017-18 term, ISBA President Russell Hartigan (ret.) had the honor of bestowing awards upon several ISBA members for their service in various capacities. Decalogue Board member **Sharon Eiseman** was a recipient of one of three special Presidential Commendations which acknowledged her work to further the goals of the Association in advancing professionalism, diversity and inclusion. And this new bar year will be a busy one for Sharon as she takes on her new role as a CBA board member.

Mazel Tov to Decalogue member **James Faire** on the recent coming of age of his son Zev whose Bar Mitzvah took place at Anshe Sholom in late August. So much of life is bittersweet. For this family, the 'bitter' part was the loss of Martin Faire, Jim's father, just before the occasion of Zev's Bar Mitzvah. Surely of comfort to the family is that Martin knew Zev was studying his Hebrew and would be reading his Torah portion from the Bima, and that Jim had the privilege for many years of practicing law with his father.

And a double Mazel Tov to Board member **Kim Pressling** and husband Joe Curtis, new parents welcoming twins Eden and Hannah Pressling Curtis on August 23.